



BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the unceded Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Central Okanagan Public Schools – "Inside 23"

1. Student Perspectives

In attendance:

Julia Burchell, Kindergarten, Hudson Road Elementary School

Amanda Burchell, Parent

Nina Roffey, Kindergarten Teacher

Violeta Malfair, Principal, Hudson Road Elementary School

Anais Leahy, Grade 12, Rutland Senior Secondary School

Julia and Anais spoke of their excitement of the first few weeks of school.

Recognition:

1. Introduction

The Board of Education introduced Cindy Kennedy, and congratulated her on her new assignment as Assistant Payroll Manager.

Declaration:

1. World Teachers' Day – Monday, October 5, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Monday, October 5, 2020 as World Teachers' Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Central Okanagan Public Schools will be recognizing World Teachers' Day with a publication in the Capital News on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Held annually on the 5th of October since 1994, World Teachers' Day commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. This Recommendation sets benchmarks regarding the rights and responsibilities of teachers and standards for their initial preparation and further education, recruitment, employment, and teaching and learning conditions. The Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel was adopted in 1997 to complement the 1966 Recommendation by covering teaching and research personnel in higher education.

With the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 on education, and the dedicated target (SDG 4.c) recognizing teachers as key to the achievement of the Education 2030 agenda, World Teachers' Day has become the occasion to mark progress and reflect on ways to counter the remaining challenges for the promotion of the teaching profession.

World Teachers' Day is co-convened in partnership with UNICEF, the International Labour Organization and Education International.

2. International Walk to School Day – Wednesday, October 7, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, October 7, 2020 as International Walk to School Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October.

Presentations:

1. Tallus Ridge Residents – Busing Issues

Presenter: Jason Ritchie, Tallus Ridge Resident

Mr. Ritchie presented to the Board of Education on behalf of residents of the Tallus Ridge area on their concerns on the recent amendment to Policy 470R – Transportation Services Management (Regulations). Mr. Ritchie stated that high school students in the area do not have options to get to school effectively and safely. Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO, confirmed that students were previously accommodated on a school bus as courtesy riders, however this was not possible this year due to more middle school students now being eligible and COVID-19 restrictions. Trustee Tiede confirmed that a Motion has been put forth to the Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting regarding transportation.

Staff Presentation:

1. Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2020 School Opening Report – Part 2

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO for the Central Okanagan Public Schools, presented the 2020 School Opening Report - Part 2. This report provides detailed information about school enrolment effective September 29, 2020. To date, the District has enrolled 22,697 students this year (excluding Central Programs and Services and other programs).

The 2020 School Opening Report - Part 2 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website – www.sd23.bc.ca.

Action Items:

1. Trustee Indemnity for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year

The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 2.3%, for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, thereby setting the stipend at:

Trustee:	\$21,650
Vice-Chair:	\$22,866
Chair:	\$24,713

2. Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2019/2020

The Board of Education received and approved the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

3. Strategic Planning Consultation Process

In the Spring of 2020, the Board of Education commenced a process to consult with its community to revise its strategic plan; however, the process was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board of Education approved the updated Strategic Planning Timelines, which will provide the public multiple opportunities to provide the Board feedback to support the Board's decision on the District's Strategic Plan. Future details will be provided and a kickoff to the consultation process will occur at a future Board Meeting prior to the commencement of the consultation process.

4. Long-Term Facility Plan and Emergent Issues Consultation Process

The Board of Education approved the Long-Term Facility Plan Timeline.

The District is currently in the process of updating its Long-Term Facility Plan due to the significant growth that it is experiencing and will be conducting a public consultation process to develop a plan that ensures its school buildings reflect the future K-12 educational needs of the community. A Long-Term Facility Plan is a guide to future decision-making for the next decade and beyond. As part of this process, the District will be consulting on two emergent issues that need to be addressed for next school year:

1. Overcapacity issues at École Kelowna Secondary School
2. Investigation of French Immersion Program at the new H.S. Grenda Middle School

5. Amendment to Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations)

The Board of Education did not approve the further amendment to Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations) as per the Notice of Motion of Trustee Geistlinger.

6. Amended Annual Capital Plan Submission – Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2020/2021-CPSD23-02

The Ministry of Education provided an amendment to their written response on the District's 2020/2021 Capital Plan submitted in June 2019. The amendment changes the District's Carbon Neutral Capital Program to include \$65,000 in funding for Electric Bus/Charging Station Infrastructure. The Board of Education is required to pass an amended Bylaw to allow for the School District to access funding outlined in the letter from the Ministry of Education. The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2020/2021-CPSD23-02.

7. Parent Advisory Council Loan Payment Deferral

The Board of Education agreed to not require Parent Advisory Councils to make their scheduled payments for the 2020-2021 school year for loans issued prior to June 30, 2020. The Board of Education also agreed to extend the repayment period of the remaining obligation, including deferred payments, for Parent Advisory Council loans issued prior to June 30, 2020 by one year.

8. Request for Letter of Support – Okanagan Jewish Community Association

In response to a letter received by the Board of Education from the Okanagan Jewish Community Association, the Board of Education agreed to write a letter to accompany their application for a funding grant from the Child Care BC New Spaces Fund. This will enable the Association to purchase a modular unit to provide up to 20 additional daycare spaces in the Glenmore area.

Information Items:

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021
2. General Statement – September 16, 2020
3. Central Okanagan Public Schools 2019/2020 Public Sector Executive Compensation Disclosure Report
4. Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis the Year Ending June 30, 2020

Items Requiring Special Mention:

The Board of Education Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported on the following:

1. The Ministry of Education recently announced that the grades 4 and 7 Foundation Skills Assessment administration has been postponed. Assessment administration will run from January 18 to February 26, 2021.
2. Staff and students throughout the District are honouring Orange Shirt Day today by donning orange shirts and hosting various events throughout the schools.
3. Home Economic teachers throughout the District have created masks for students and staff to wear to help in the fight against COVID-19.

Next Public Board Meeting

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
6:00 pm (via Zoom for the public)

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

4:00 pm	General Affairs Committee (via Zoom for the public) (Cancelled)
6:00 pm	Planning and Facilities Committee (via Zoom for the public)

For comments, please contact:

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